# Sean M. Pettibone

August 21, 1976 - April 20, 2006

Sean was a resident of Ann Arbor, formerly of Troy, Michigan.

He was a 1994 graduate of Troy High School where he was involved with the school newspaper. Sean was also an activist, especially with PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). During high school Sean founded his own newspaper “In Between The Lines”.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Emerson College in Boston, MA. He also studied abroad in the Netherlands.

Sean was a substitute teacher for Ann Arbor elementary schools.

Sean was one of the co-founders of State Control Collective, a collective of independent labeled music and performance space for local musicians and song writers in Ann Arbor.

He enjoyed playing drums, reading, writing, film and politics. He was an extremely principled person.

Son of Cindy and Michael Pettibone. Brother of Kelly Pettibone. Grandson of Nori and Dan Braude. Nephew of Bill and Jane Pettibone, Heidi Geffen and Brad and Geri Geffen. Also survived by many loving cousins.

Remembrance service Tuesday, April 25th 10am at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, MI

Family will receive friends Monday 3:00-8:00pm

Memorial tributes to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), 501 Front St., Norfolk, VA 23510 ~ or ~ the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034

Funeral Home:
A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu
32515 Woodward Ave
Royal Oak, MI
US 48073

## Events

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### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

10:00 AM

A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors
32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073

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Apr

### VISITATION

3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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# Tribute Wall

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## Funeral Home Owner

D

## Don & Grace Guthrie

Michael,Cindy & Kelly:Our sincere sympathy in your loss of Sean. Words cannot adequately express the sadness we feel. You will be in our thoughts and prayers as you move through this devastating time. May God bless you with his peace and comfort through the support of family and friends. Love, Don and Grace

K

## Karen Mehler

My dearest friend Cindy, My heart is filled with sorrow for the loss of your son Sean. I know your life will be forever changed. May all the love I feel for you, and all those who know you, Michael, and Kelly surround you, hold you up, and comfort you. May you find a gentle path in which your course of healing and awakening of your mind and spirit is made as easy as possible and may you find peace in your sorrows of today. I love you, Karen

M

## Michael & Lauren Guthrie

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. If there is ANYTHING that we can do for you please don't hesitate to call, 248-703-7332. Our Deepest Sympathy- Michael and Lauren Guthrie

M

## Mike & Janelle Micene

Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family during this time. Love Mike & Janelle

J

## John Palisano

Sean touched our lives in the simplest, greatest way. He was a friend to me, but especially to my brother Michael. I am saddened by the news, yet grateful to have shared a few unforgettable times with him at Emerson and in Boston.

D

### Dorothy Rakieten

Words cannot express what I feel right now. I am in shock. I am so sorry for your loss. I first met Sean when he substituted for me at Wines Elementary School three years ago. I will always remember Sean as a bright, caring, and compassionate person. He will be greatly missed.

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A

### annemarie martz

Mr and Mrs Pettibone, Kelly i am very saddened to hear of the passing of Sean. I was just with him that Wednessday and am in complete shock. He was a very special person, one that really touched my heart. i am here for support and comfort during this sad time and will deeply miss the one person that i was able to confide in and share so many common things with. He is in my prays and heart forever. annemarie

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J

### Jack Couzens

Cindy and Mike Susan and I are in Florida, so we can't visit, but please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. You have our deepest sympathy. Jack and Susan

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M

### Mary Ann Crawforth-Kaufman

Bill forwarded the news, so very sorry to hear the news. Please accept my heart-felt condolences. Mary Ann

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K

### Katie Parker

I am so sorry for your loss. Sean was such an intense, smart, funny person and I have so many memories of him. We will miss him.

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C

### Clayton Haynes

Mr. & Mrs. Pettibone, Family Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Our Deepest Sympathy Clayton & Linda Furer Haynes

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S

### sikander khan

I don't know what to say other than I miss Sean a lot already and I wish I would have seen him more recently. Sean's definitely an unforgettable person and his stories will always remain in my mind. Sean and I actually talked about how we were going to take all of his crazy misadventures and collect em all into a book someday. I hate to even have to be writing this. I don't even know what to say. I wish I could come to the funeral. Sean, you will be missed.

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D

### doutlick

Mr. Mrs. Pettibone, and daughter, Although we've never met, I my husband & sons wish to extend our most sincere condolences for the loss of your son. Sean had just begun the process of purchasing our oldest son's home. It was to be an exciting time for all and rather now we want you to know just how sad as parents we are for your loss. We pray for healing & peace for you and all who knew and loved your son Sean. The Doutlicks

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R

### Ricky Walker, Jr.

A very good guy. My sincerest condolences go out to Sean's family and friends during this difficult time.

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M

### Michael Palisano

Michael, Cindy, and Kelly: Sean was a very special person, and one who touched my life in a profound way. I will always remember his kindness and patience, his heart and soul were beautiful. I will miss him so very much and will never forget our deep friendship for as long as I live. My sincerest condolences to all of you in this time of sorrow and heartbreak. I hope you can take solace and can find peace in the fact that he has touched and moved so many lives in such a deep and meaningful way.

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D

### Daniel Fivenson

Mr. Pettibone was my favorite substitute teacher of all time. He made learning fun. I will greatly miss him

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J

### Julie Simpson

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I know Sean from his substitute teaching at Wines School. He was well liked by the students. God bless over you and Sean. Respectfully, Julie Simpson

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S

### Sheryl Rissel

Michael, Cindy and Kelly: We are so sorry to hear about your loss. To know Sean was to appreciate his uniqueness. Your memory of him and love for him will carry you through. Laugh about the fun times you shared with him - it helps so much. You are in our thoughts. Herbert & Sheryl Rissel

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E

### elizabeth oxford

Sean was such an incredible person. We enjoyed getting to know him this year. He was a very special neighbor. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Elizabeth and Lance Oxford

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S

### Susan Weiland

I just read about Sean's passing. I am in shock, he was a very caring, bright young soul. I met Sean at Wines Elementary School. I was the Computer Tech and he was a substitute teacher. I thought what a great young person to have " guest teach" in our school. He touched many people while he was there. My sympathy to you, his family.

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C

### Carol, David, Matthew, Nathan, Julia and Mieggie Wittman

Dearest Cindy, Michael and Kelly, We are in shock and feel such deep sorrow at your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, The Wittmans

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M

### Mara Miles

As a parent of two children at Wines and Forsythe I really appreciated Mr. Pettibone's way with the kids. He was able to teach without being strict. The kids had a lot of fun and looked forward to having him as a substitute teacher. We are sorry for your loss. Mara Miles

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C

### Claudia McQueen

I am a parent of a Wines student. I met Sean only once after school on a day he was substituting at Wines. I was impressed by his manner and understood immediately why the students loved to have him in the classroom. I was very sad to read of his death and know that many students here will miss him.

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K

## Kassie Weiland

I am so sorry for your loss, in his short life he touched so many. It was a difficult task to tell my son Joshua that his infamous friend and substitute teacher would no longer be a part of his life on earth but I hope that it helps you to know that your son will always be a part of Joshua in that he learned from him how to be a kind and caring man.

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B

## Brett Socis

Pettibone Family, I wish to express my deepest sympathies and regrets in hearing about Sean's passing. In the short time that I knew him, I learned quite a lot from him. It is unfortunate he left us too soon. Sean was a very unique and charismatic individual. It is a shock to know that he is gone. My wife Julie and I's thoughts are with you and your family. Deepest Sympathies, Brett & Julie Socia

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J

## Joel Makowski and Family

To the Pettibone Family, I am very sad to hear of your loss. While I have not seen Sean in years,I am well aware that some of my fondest childhood memories include him and your family. I am grateful for that. After viewing the guestbook, I am very impressed at the man he became and the number of lives he touched. I regret that we will be unable to attend the remembrance as distance is a barrier.

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K

## kathy casalino-ghisleni-stephens

I am saddened beyond words by the loss of Sean. My heart and thoughts are with you, his family, and friends. Sean was a source of joy and strength to me at Wines Elementary, where I met him and at times had the pleasure of sharing in one of his classes. He will always live on for me as one of the most feeling and compassionate and warm and humanistic people I have known. It is an honor to have met him. I wish so much we could all have more of Sean. My deepest condolences, Kathy Casalino-Ghisleni-Stephens

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D

## Diane, Robert & Armen Brus

My Dear Friend Cindy, Words cannot begin to express first the shock of hearing the news of your son's passing, than to think of what I could possibly say to you and Michael. Eventhough I did not know Sean, I have come through the many years to know yourself and Michael. What kind, loving, gentle, generous people that you both are. May you find some strength to get through this most difficult time, one that no parent should have to ever endure. May God bless the three of you and help you through this most difficult time ahead. Know that our love and prayers are with all of you and may all the love that you have given to others, come back to you in this time of need. Our Deepest Sympathies, Rob, Diane & Armen Brus

K

### Kimberly Johnson Christiansen

Mike, Cindy & Kelly, I was so shocked to learn of Sean's passing. My heart, my prayers and my tears are with you. The world is a little less kind, creative and special today. Much love, Kimi Sue

M

### Mike & Paula Spencer

Dear Pettibone Family, Although our lives have not crossed path recently, memories of times that we share stay constant in our hearts. Life and death are such intetwined events, one could never happen without the other. Which brings us to the sadness of today.Our hearts break for all of you. John Lennon says it best "You will get by with a little help from your friends". Mike and Paula

K

### kiel lerch

My mom and dad just told me that Sean passed away. Sean was my tutor and friend, we shared many fun times together -- he helped me with my reading and writing -- we were both very patient with each other and our challenges in life. I will always remember Sean and how he always made me smile. I am so sad for you and everyone who ever met him. If you didn't meet Sean, you missed out on a great person. I hope Sean's spirit is reunited with Kyle. Love, Kiel

S

### Shira Elyakin

I remember Mr Pettibone as the nicest substitute I've ever had. He would always share stories with our class. He said we were a rowdy class, but his gavorite he had ever taught. I know many students who looked at him as a friendand we will always remember what a great man he was.

M

### Millicent Fisher

My thoughts and prayers to the family and many friends of Sean. I met Sean a few years ago when he began substitute teaching for me on a regular basis at Wines Elementary. He was well-liked by my students. I could always count on Sean to take good care of the class in my absence. He always went above and beyond to connect with the students and meet their needs. Sean was bright, funny and compassionate. He will be missed dearly.

A

### Andrew

Sean, or Mr.P was more than a teacher to all of his students that he subed for, but more as a friend. We Will Miss You.

H

### Henry

I remember Sean--Mr. P--as someone who really cared about people in general. He was frequently a substitute teacher for my various classes, and over the years we really got to know each other. For Mr. P, subbing went beyond the usual duties and lesson plans, and he made an effort to get to know each and every one of us. He was more than a substitue teacher to me--he was my and countless others' dear friend, and I will truly miss him.

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M

### Mike Priehs

To the Pettibone Family: My deepest condolences. I knew Sean for the last four or five years while living in Ann Arbor, worked at State Control with him, and had spent a good amount of time with him. I am very sorry to hear of your loss.

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J

### Jess Ragan

Intelligent, creative, and highly opinionated, Sean was an amazing writer and an important contributor to the network of video game newsletters published in the early 1990's. He will be fondly remembered by the members of this community, as well as everyone else who knew him. We'll miss you, Sean. JR

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T

## Tiffany

Sean was one of the first friends I made when I moved into the CharlesGate in Boston for my freshman year at Emerson College. His warmth, big heart and sharp sense of humor were always the first thing I saw – even before the piercing and spiky hair. Anyone who has meet Sean knows that he is not the type of person you can meet and forget - If you were lucky enough to get to know him - he changed your life forever. Even though I have not spoken to Sean in a few years he has always been in my heart. He taught me how to ask questions and to challenge conventional wisdom. He showed me how lead by example and to stick by your principles even when doing so was hard work. He gave me hope for a better world because he never gave up or let go of his vision of a more just and more compassionate society. I honestly believe that there is a little Sean Pettibone in each one of us. He is there when we stand up for what's right, when we take the road less traveled, when we recognize that one person can make a difference and when we have faith that our actions today can lead to a better tomorrow. In reflecting on my friendship with Sean, a quote from Mother Jones keeps running through my head. It seems especially fitting given that Sean and Mother Jones had quite a bit in common. They both taught in Michigan schools and both were radical social activist fighting for justice and equality. Mother Jones said, "Pray for the dead, and fight like hell for the living." Sean, you have all of my prayers and in your name I will do my best to keep the fight alive. Thank you Sean for making this world a better place, and thank you for changing my life forever. Tiffany

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C

## Chris Larson

I'm holding the first issue of "In Between The Lines" right now (and I'm in a bit of shock). I only knew Sean through his writing in high school, but I was saddened to learn of his passing. Sean's writing then was disciplined, deliberate, straightforward, and honest. I've held onto his writing in various small publications because his opinions were always tempered with truth. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family.

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G

## Gregg Nathanson

Cindy, Michael and Kelly, I cannot begin to express my condolences and heartfelt sympathy. Please try to find strength and comfort in knowing that you are not alone, in your suffering and grief. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Gregg Nathanson

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R

### Rob and Vee Mossburg

Cindy, Michael and Kelly: We wish for you a celebration of Sean's journey. A pleasant and peaceful reminder as you walk the quaint streets of Harbor, admire the Glenn Beach pines and look out over an impossibly blue Little Traverse Bay. Beautiful, like Sean, in so many ways. Rob and Vee Mossburg

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T

### Timothy Morse

I met Sean during my college years when he lived with my best friend Mike Toda. I will never forget Sean for as long as I live he had a heart that was larger than life and a personality that was even larger. I have many many vivid memories of Sean, his laughter and his warm heart. I am in absolute shock to learn of his passing, it was at Mike Todas wedding when I saw him last, approximately 2 years ago. my condolences to the entire family

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P

### Patricia & Thorsten

Michael, Cindy & Kelly, With profound sincerity i join you in your grief. How many times i wished to see Sean...countless of times we'd talk about him. He will always have a special place in my heart. We'll miss him heavily.

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E

### Emily Morishita

I knew Sean from Emerson College, we were neighbors and studied abroad together. I will always remember his strong will, personality and drive, his energy, and the way he would play air drums when his music was on. My thoughts and condolences to his friends and family. -Emily

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E

### Emma Jackson

I have known Mr. Pettibone since 4th grade. He has been my sub many many times, he was the best sub EVER!!!!!! People at my school who didnt go to Wines E.School, dont really get how sad the death of Mr. Pettibone really is. He wasnt just one of my subs we had in class, he was my close friend. Me, along with my close friends Shira and Shannon, cryed our selfs to sleep the night we found out(We had many phone calls to each other that night). I will always remember Mr. Pettibone, and how he would share stories in class, and help us out, no matter how stupid the question.There will never be another sub like Mr. Pettibone. ~Emma Jackson~ Of Forsythe Middle School

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M

## Mark Jalbert

I met Sean during my freshman year in college. My best friend from high school, Mike Barile and Sean had become close at Emerson. Thus, I met the "crew": Mike B., Sean, Sal, and Toda. Sean was an original and will be missed. My thoughts are with all his family and friends and anyone else touched by him.

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K

## Kayla Dupuy

I met Sean through my sister, Kara. Sean was a unique friend. He was unique in many ways, one of them being the intelligent perspective he had on so many different things. Sean could turn an everyday event into something spectacular. A 20-minute trip to Wal-Mart once turned into a positive lifetime memory and a sudden knowledge of all of the benefits of "witch hazel". Sean was always immensely supportive no matter what time of day it was. If something was wrong he could make any problem seem obsolete with his encouraging words and personal and often hilarious anecdotes. The times when Sean and I were the closest, we would talk about everything, listen to music for hours, or go out, but there was never a dull moment and never a moment where I would think that I had met someone that matched his creativity and strong spirit. Sean was an amazing friend to so many people. There are not words to describe the pain that I feel and will feel over losing Sean and I can't begin to imagine how other close friends and family members are feeling. My love and support is with anyone who knew, loved, and will forever miss Sean Pettibone.

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S

## Shannon Porterfield

As many have already said Mr.Pettibone was more then just a sub teacher he was a friend even though all the kids couldnt understand why we(me shira and emma) where so upset it was different we had had him as a sub TONS of times and everytime we would hear a new story and learn somthing.He was someone you could trust and share a laugh with not like a teacher but a friend.I will miss him very much and i will never forget him. ~Shannon Porterfield

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K

## Kenneth F. Fernandez

I was shocked and upset to hear about the loss of such a dear friend. I talked to Sean just two weeks previous with Mike Barile and Mike Toda. We all have lost a great friend, a gentle spirit, and a man who wasn't afraid to stand up to anyone. Something I will miss dearly about him. My heart and parayers are with you all. Deepest Sympathies, Ken

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D

## Denise Baron Parr

Dear Cindy and Michael, I just heard of your tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this excruciating time. Sean sounds like he was an amazing creative young man. I'm sorry I found out to late to make the visitation. Denise

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C

## Carole Gillen

My heart aches for Michael and Cindy and Kelly. I was Sean's 5th grade teacher- I can still close my eyes and "see" right where he sat in the room. I was very fond of Sean, a wonderful student and a remarkable young man. He will be sorely missed by all those who love him. I had the pleasure of seeing Sean a couple of years ago and so enjoyed talking to him! Sean had so much to offer the world. I was so fortunate to have known him!

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A

## annemarie martz

After reading all of the enteries, it makes me remeber so many more things about Sean that i did not realize were so important to me. We shared many great times together from the eighth grade on. I can remember the summers with Sean, Jim, Jacob and Jermery. They were a great bunch, to highschool were Sean's personality and excitment came out. This is where i got to really learn what Sean was all about. He was such a happy, good looking, spirited kid. One that always made me laugh when he corrected my speach or when he out did me in inteligence. I had a real hard time passing one by one him. He was always one step ahead. As time went on we lost contact, but when we got back together years down the road I saw what a wonderful person Sean grew up to be. We shared a bond that no one else shared and at times we had a love hate relationship, but we just were giving each other tough love and thats what we both needed. I will miss talking to him until two or three in the morning or texting him during weird hours and always getting a response, even though it may have been days or hours later. I feel that I have lost a part of me and those that were really close to him probably feel the same way. I know that he is in a good place now, free from suffering.

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N

## Nancy E. Clark

I met Sean at Wines Elementary where I am the art teacher. Sean has subbed for me a number of times, especially the days before my annual Art Night, and he was to sub for me again for this year's event. I found him to have a delightfiul sense of humor, and all the children at Wines enjoyed working with him. I will certainly miss his bright smile, vibrant personality, and vivid retelling of what I missed on my days off.

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A

### Anna Tarasev

I first met Mr. Pettibone in fourth grade, when he subbed once or twice, in fifth, he subbed a couple more times and quickly became our favorite! He could talk to all of us as equals, and always made class fun. Everyone who had gone to Wines around that time knew him, and everybody liked him. I'm really going to miss him, and still cannot believe it. MY little brother Daniel is nine years old and also is very upset. Mr. Pettibone was one of his favorite people. I will always miss Mr. Pettibone, he was not just a sub. He was everybodys friend.

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D

### Debra Griffith

Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Sean was often a substitute teacher for my daughter's class at Wines Elementary School. We loved him! He was a treasure! He will be missed.

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R

### rochelle and randy forester

our thoughts are with you. the love and support that was shown today at the funeral home was overwhelming. we are certain that sean felt that, as we know all of your visitors did. we can only say that he now is at peace.....

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B

### Becky Stanichuk

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Pettibone and Kelly, I am so sorry for your loss. From being friends with Kelly in middle school and high school I always looked up to Sean as the cool older brother. I have so many wonderful memeories with your whole family. My heart goes out to you at this very difficult time. Love, Becky

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C

### Cindy Fay

Dear Cindy and Michael, I just heard from Cyndi Tappero about Sean. Even though I last saw him as an exuberant toddler, I remember the strong resemblance to Michael. Looking at his picture now, he still had the same looks only more mature. From what others have said about Sean I regret not getting to know him. With the two of you as parents, I am not surprised by all of the glowing comments and adulations. My heart hurts for you two and Kelly. I wish you my deepest condolences and sympathy and the strength to know what a wonderful job you did raising Sean. Michael, I have looked up to you since Junior High and when you married Cindy I looked up to you both and still do. Love always, Cindy Fay

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H

## Heidi Koester

I was so sorry to hear about the loss of Sean Pettibone. I only met Mr. Pettibone once, when he subbed in my daughter's class at Thurston School, but his intensity and commitment really impressed me. I know students at Thurston considered him a favorite teacher. On Monday morning, it was heartbreaking to hear the conversation of two students, who clearly didn't know that Mr. Pettibone had died. They knew that their regular teacher would be out of the classroom that day. Speculating on who the sub might be, one said to the other, "Oh, I hope it's Mr. Pettibone!" His loss affects so many lives. Our sincere condolences to the entire Pettibone family. Heidi Koester

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D

## Dan and Lou Ann Gaydou

May you be comforted in the knowledge of the love, prayers and many thoughts that are being sent to you from you friends and family. We know that words cannot express the sorrow we feel for you. Please know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers these last few days. Our hearts are grieving with you, Lou Ann and Dan

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D

## Dwight and Jane Ray

Dear Cindy, Michael and Kelly, Our hearts ache for you. We pray you will find comfort and peace. "Think of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven! Of taking hold of a hand and finding it God's, Of breathing new air, and finding it celestial air, Of waking up, and finding it Home!" -Anonymous- Much love, Dwight and Jane Ray & Family

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K

## Kathleen Auterio

I met Sean through Tiffany Ricci while working in Boston. Sean is the kind of person people would just want to listen to for hours. It sometimes seemed impossible for so much talent, energy and personality to be wrapped up in one man. Five minutes after meeting Sean it felt like we were old friends. I miss visiting him for herbal tea, video games and vegetarian supplements. His smile would light up the room. The world has definitely lost a bright spirit.

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J

## Joshua Christman

I was deeply saddened to hear about Sean passing. I attended Troy High School with him and graduated in 1994. Sean was always a pleasant and respectful person towards me. Through the years when people change as they align themselves with certain crowds, Sean always remained the same with his collegues. May God Bless Sean and watch over his family during this unfortunate time of need.

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W

### William White

We send our deepest sympathy. You will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Your friends at H.M. White, Inc.

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T

### Tom Pine

Cindy, Mike and Kelly, I was very sorry to hear of Sean's passing, especially in light of his youth. It is hard to understand the pain and sorrow you are going through, but my thoughts and prayers are with each of you. I hope you can move on to remembering the wonderful moments you shared with Shean growing up and as a young adult.
Tom Pine

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H

### Hannah

like many people have said words cant express how deeply in shock i am. its safe to say Mr.Pettibone was my all time favorite sub. even though i didnt go to Wines-i still had the amazing chance to meet him in Middle School. He took time to meet with every child and really get to know them. just next week he was supposed to be my substitute. i miss him so much-and have actually cried while trying to fall asleep many nights in a row. again i am very sorry for the loss of this amazing person who REALLY cared!

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E

### Eli Cornblath

The first time I had Mr. Pettibone was in fifth grade and he was the best sub I have ever had. He was always kind and one of my favorite memories with him as a sub was doing the "Pit of Doom", which was a fun way to have a punishment system. Whenever anyone went to a class and saw him teaching it was always, "Yes, we have Mr. P". I just can't believe that he died so suddenly.

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T

### Tedene Tousignant

Mr., Mrs. Pettibone and Kelly, Sorry I could not make it to the remembrance service. I thought of all of you.At 10:00am it was dark and rainy as if everyone was crying tears for his loss and by 11:00 am the rain had stopped and the sun was shining as saying everything is all right and Sean is in a good place. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Tedene

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M

### Max Cornblath

Whenever our 4th grade teacher said "we're going to have a sub tommorow", the first thing kids would say is "Call Mr.Pettibone!" He was a great sub to have and I'm really surprised and sad that he died so suddenly.

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S

### Shawn Q.

i've been running into Sean and sharing good conversation, like-minded ideas, and some great punk shows since '97, he's a stellar kid that many will miss. a positive member of an often looked down upon punk comminity. we'll miss you- from all at the Diaper.

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T

### Tim Pearson Jr.

Sean was a true friend. No matter how far apart we ever were, no matter how long it had ever been, Sean and I still remained friends. It was Thanksgiving when I saw him last, and he suprised me with his visit. We spent hours catching up, as usual, and I only wondered when I might see him again. His spirits were high, and he was pressing on with his life- Sean was finally ready to settle down. I'm so sorry to see you go, my old friend, and I'm so sorry for your family. I will miss you dearly, and I know I will never meet anyone like you again. You have once again left me thinking, Sean- only this time you've left me thinking for the rest of my life.

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B

### Ben Cumings

Mr. Pettibone was by far my favorite teacher ever. Not only did he make the curriculum and learning interesting and fun, he was a great speaker and I had some of my best times just talking with him. I can only hope that he is in a better place now. His death is truly not fair, and he didn't deserve what happened at all. No one deserves it.

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B

### Ben Cumings

I would also like to point out that while many people at our assorted schools are deeply distressed by Mr. Pettibone's passing, I can think of no other than Henry M. who would have taken it harder. Henry is one of the best friends a guy could have and his ties with Mr. Pettibone went far deeper than anyone's at our schools. People may have known Mr. Pettibone as a friend, but he was more to Henry. My condolences go out to Henry, Mr. Pettibone's family, and any others who miss this amazing human being.

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R

### Russ Perry Jr.

I didn't know Sean well, nor had we spoken in a long time, but I'm very saddened to hear of his passing. I knew Sean primarily through his fanzine, In Between The Lines, but I was lucky enough to meet him once at a fellow faned's place, where a few of us were meeting for the weekend of the Consumer Electronics Show. Sean was everything I thought he'd be from his writing -- friendly, humorous, intelligent, and fun. I regretted losing track of him afterward, and so much more so now. My condolences to his family and to others whose lives he touched. I'll miss not having the chance to meet up with him again.

J

### Jennifer Taylor

My sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. I taught Sean 7th grade math and remember him as a very nice young man. I am so glad that he accomplished so much in his short life. Peace to you all at this time. Thrive on the wonderful memories you must have with him. Jennifer Taylor (Boulan Park Middle School Teacher)

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### Al Walthall

Mike, Cindy, Kelly, I am so sorry to hear about Sean and your loss. It was a terrible shock. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sean was such a fine young man, from back at Boulan and Troy to all he accomplished in his too short adult life. You were all so loving and close. You have a remarkable son and brother to remember and so many memories of the many fun times you've shared. Grief seems like such a small word at this time. He was so young and had so much ahead of him. I am glad I got to see you all in Birmingham and at the charity event last year. It was great seeing how Sean and Kelly have grown up and have remained such wonderful people. I wish you the best in keeping the fond memories in the forefront. Bless you all. Love, Al Walthall

M

### Ms. Cindy Frey - Polewach

I am so sorry to hear this news. I had Sean in my science class at Boulan Middle School. He was certainly a good student. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

M

### Mike & Mel Morrissey

Mike & Cindy, We truly understand the overwhelming sadness that is in your hearts today. There is nothing in this world more difficult than losing a child. May it comfort you to know that others care deeply and are continually with you in thought and prayer. Let the wonderful memories of Sean surround you now and always. With deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

M

### Mike and Mauri Kilbourn

Cindy and Michael, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We had a lovely time chatting with Sean about his future goals at last season's Perch Dinner in Harbor. You are in our prayers, Mauri and Michael

S

### Seth Grahame-Smith

Sean lived across the hall at Emerson. On the very first night of our freshmen year (before we'd even unpacked) he came knocking. He was rounding up as many 6th floor kids as he could to join an expedition. He needed to move. He needed to get out and see the city. We were all strangers when he rounded us up, but by the end of the night, we were a group - exploring Boston together. Without Sean, many of us would've spent that first night alone. I wish I'd known him better.

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### Nay-Nay Wasik

When I first heard of Sean's passing, I was in disbelief.I still am, Sean made regular trips to our house and we would spend hours talking about anything and everything.He was always a person, at whatever hour of the day, would give the best advice.He always talked about his adventures as a substitute teacher and how we could relate since I was a Math teacher and could share the craziest anecdotes. Just 2 days ago, my husband & I were ready to pick up the phone and call him.I said to myself, what was I thinking? Less than a week before his passing, he was so excited about the new house he was buying, where he was going to put everything and what changes he was going to make.He will remain in our hearts forever and will be truly missed.

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S

### Shawn Wojanrowicz

My prayers and thoughts are with your family and loved ones. It was a pleasure to know your son. He will be missed greatly.

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### Joseph and Elaine Shea

Elaine and I send our regards. It seems so unfair that the most unfortunate things happen to the very finest people. We will keep you in our prayers.

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B

### Bill Tate

Dear Cindy and Michael - I am so sorry for your loss.

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### Mark and Lisa Saur

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Lovingly,
The Saur Family

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B

### Bill Boehmer

Just heard the news, and am taken aback with sadness. Sean was one of my favorite people in the world, and even though we had not conversed in some time, I will always remember the times we shared together. The world has truely lost someone special.

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J

### Jessica Gelt

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone, I just heard that Sean had passed and I am devastated. Sean was one of my best friends in college and I had recently undertaken some internet research to track him down. I don't know what to say except that my thoughts are with you and Sean will always be close to my heart. Warmly, Jessica Gelt

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D

### David Burns

I'm deeply saddened by this tragedy. I met Sean on the first day of college and spent quite a bit of time with him. He was extremely funny, bright, and caring. That's the Sean I'm choosing to remember.

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### Ann & Gary Renard

I have saved the notice of Sean's passing all these months. It's been 11 years since our beloved Erin's sudden death. Erin and Sean were classmates; Kelly and Lauren were playmates. We just want you to know that we know what you are going through. We hold you in our prayers and hope the healing touch of time will bring you comfort. Love, Gary & Ann Renard and Lauren Palazzolo

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